

ARWDB EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MEETING

October 26, 2022 Meeting Notes

Members Present

Mr. Trey Ragsdale
Mr. James Jackson
Ms. Lee Hunter
Ms. Angelia O'Neal
Mr. Randy Hayes

Members Absent

Mr. Mike Alexander

ARWDB Board Co-Chairman, Randy Hayes, called the Committee meeting to order at 10:35 a.m.

1. Staff discussed the current board member meeting attendance. No board member is at risk of missing two meetings in a row. There are currently two Board vacancies.
Regional engagement and outreach lunches for Board members was agreed to which will give Board members a chance to engage with their local resource centers. Proposed dates are:
Tuesday, Nov. 15 – Douglas County
Tuesday, Nov. 29 – Gwinnett County
Tuesday, Dec. 13 – Clayton County
2. Committee vs. Task Force – WIOA does not require committees and currently each committee is struggling to meet quorum for their meetings. Rob will continue to work with ARC legal to see if it's possible to change Career Services and Business Services committees to task force structure; will maintain Executive and Youth as committees.
3. Budget Review – expenditures are on target. Budget revenue have increased since the approval in May; this is due to additional Industry Partnership grant funds and additional DWNEG grant funds being received. Anticipating additional funding cuts to the annual allocations for PY23.
4. Living Wage for Work Based Learning - The MIT living wage calculator currently shows the Atlanta metro area at \$18.37/hour however the Business Services Committee is recommending \$17/hour. Current rate for WBL is \$15/hour, so a more gradual increase to \$17 is recommended. Will move forward as an action item in December.
5. Provider Contracts – the CPACS audit and issues will not have an impact on the Workforce Solutions area. Will continue to monitor their issues.
6. Legislative Priorities
 - a) Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act – the Employment and Training Administration issued a guidance document which promotes a framework for all workforce stakeholders; document is attached.

- b) Open Meetings Act – with regard to virtual participation counting towards a quorum for committee meetings, some progress has been made with the Committee Chairman and discussions have reopened. Will re-introduce a bill in the 2023 legislative session.
- c) WIOA – reauthorization has been put on hold until the mid-term elections are over. Workforce staff continues to discuss the funding allocation formula and consider alternative criteria to suggest.

7. Upcoming Meetings

- Year End ARWDB Meeting – December 7 at the Gwinnett One Stop Center
- Proposed 2023 Meeting Dates attached
- January Strategic Planning session – date TBD

Meeting was adjourned at 11:25 a.m.